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Dr. William J. Griffiths Jr., chairman of the Montana State University Psychology Department, has received a \$10,893 grant from the U. S. Public Health Service to continue a study begun under a USPHS grant last year, MSU officials report.

The research has implications for advancing understanding of human response to stimuli and falls in the province of the Mental Health Advisory Council of the USPHS National Institutes of Health, they said.

Dr. Griffiths is studying the response of animals to pain in relation to learning. For example, he said, certain stimuli ordinarily produce a response of pain in animals. However, animals with certain learned habits do not withdraw from these stimuli or otherwise exhibit a response of pain to them.

The MSU psychologist is trying to find out what changes take place in the nervous system, particularly the brain, that account for this lack of response under certain conditions.

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